The GSF looks forward to engaging with you in many different ways!

The Global Service Facility (GSF) supports the European Commission in fostering international policy dialogues and increased cooperation. As an NCP in an EU Partner Country, here's how we support you:

VIRTUAL INFORMATION EVENTS

You will be informed about current funding opportunities, participation rules, and new features of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme

EXCHANGE WEBINARS

In exchange webinars with NCP network projects, you will learn about their support actions for international cooperation and how to get involved.

E-LEARNING

Learn from six e-learning nuggets designed to equip you with key insights and tools for Horizon Europe.

COACHINGS

You will be invited to address specific job-related issues through live online peer-to-peer discussions.

SUPPORT TO YOUR NCP EVENTS

Upon request, experts from the European NCP Network Projects can serve as trainers or speakers at your virtual information or training events.

PARTICIPATION IN NCP FLAGSHIP EVENTS

The Service Facility offers funding for Partner Country NCPs to join European NCP training events—stay updated via the newsletter!

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European Commission

Cluster 2 - "Culture, Creativity and inclusive Society"

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5 March 2025

Horizon Europe: Structure

Pillar II– Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness

Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness

- Health
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

- Collaborative projects – at least 3 partners from different EU countries/Horizon Europe associated countries

- "Top-down approach": Funding topics dedicated to specific issues, impact-driven

- Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and policy priorities of the EU 2019-24

Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and inclusive Society

Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness

- Health
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Objectives

▶ Improving democratic governance and citizen participation

▶ Safeguarding and promotion of cultural heritage

▶ Responding to and shaping multiple social, economic, and technological changes

▶ Contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Strong Social Sciences and Humanities Cluster**

Cluster 2 - Destinations

3 Destinations	Objectives
Democracy and Governance	• Strengthening democracy • Political participation • Protecting human rights • Countering polarization and extremism
Cultural Heritage and Cultural and Creative Industries	• Protection and promotion of European cultural heritage • Cultural diversity • Cultural and creative industries
Social und Economic Transformations	• Fostering sustainable and inclusive economic growth • Countering inequalities

Cluster 2 – Current Calls in Work Programme 2025

Some examples

- Leveraging **artificial intelligence** for creativity-driven innovation
- Impacts of **culture and the arts** on **health** and **well-being**
- Innovative approaches to intangible **cultural heritage** for **societal resilience**
- Advisory support and network to counter **disinformation** and **foreign information manipulation and interference**
- Countering and preventing **radicalisation, extremism, hate speech** and **polarization**
- Economic **inequalities** and their impact on **democracy**
- Tackling **gender-based violence** in different social and economic spheres
- **Migration** and **climate change**: building resilience and enhancing sustainability
- **Historical** and regional analyses of **industrial transitions** and their lessons for ensuring a **fair green transition**

Cluster 2: the "typical RIA consortium"
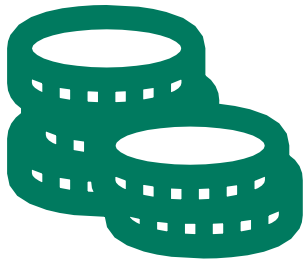
ca. 3 m €

Ø 11-12 partners

ca. 3,5 years
(75 % 3 years/20 % 4 years)

Source: NKS Gesellschaft, Statistiken

HE Cluster 2 NCP Network – Net4Society

Nina Braun

5 March 2025

Net4SocietyHE

- **Net4SocietyHE** is the transnational **network for Cluster 2 "Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society" National Contact Points** (NCPs) in Horizon Europe.

- We build on experience from 2008 until today and are constantly developing our **services and tools** created **to help NCPs** as well as **applicants to succeed** in their work.

- We are currently in the 6th round of EU funding/ the **6th Net4Society project**

- The current project has **21 project partners and 2 associated partners**

Net4SocietyHE project vs. Net4Society network

Net4SocietyHE: **The EU-project** which consists of 23 project partners and associated partners who work together to facilitate the exchange between the network members (project beneficiaries working for all Cluster 2 NCPs)

versus

Net4Society: **The network** of National Contact Points for Cluster 2 in Horizon Europe (all Cluster 2 NCPs)

Net4SocietyHE in a nutshell

Net4SocietyHE runs from **1. February 2022 to 31. January 2029** (7 years; into FP10)

Net4SocietyHE provides tools and services for:

▶ Cluster 2 **NCPs**

▶ Cluster 2 **applicants**

▶ **SSH research** communities (beyond Cluster 2/SSH Integration)

▶ **New stakeholder communities,** e.g. GLAM, Cultural and Creative industries

▶ Special support for applicants from countries with a lower success rate in H2020 (enhancing widening participation)

Services for Cluster 2 NCPs

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5 March 2025

Net4Society services for Cluster 2 NCPs

▹ Most tools and services, as well as meeting opportunities offered by Net4SocietyHE are **specifically designed for Cluster 2 NCPs**

▹ One specific services is also designed for the use of NCPs from other Clusters, in order to support a **more successful integration of Social Sciences and Humanities** (SSH) **research into the other areas of Horizon Europe: becoming an SSH Ambassador**

Building a more consistent level of Cluster 2 NCP support services across Europe and beyond

▶ Cluster 2 NCP **newcomer support**

▶ **Mentoring** activities for Cluster 2 NCPs (last round in process)

▶ **On the job training:** assisting during a pre-proposal check session for Cluster 2 NCPs

▶ Regular "**Coffee Klatch**" exchanges between Cluster 2 NCPs

▶ **Network meetings** where Cluster 2 NCPs meet

▶ **Cluster 2 NCP Info Sessions** and **Joint topic reading** Sessions for Cluster 2 NCPs

▶ **On-site/online trainings** on Cluster 2 specific topics

Cluster 2 NCP newcomer support

What

- for newly nominated Cluster 2 NCPs: Approachable, concise, and easy to read materials for newcomers to support their understanding of the particularities of Cluster 2: Newcomer Package

- Dedicated „**onboarding meetings**" between newly nominated NCPs and the Net4Society team

Aim

1. Support a fast onboarding for newly nominated Cluster 2 NCPs

2. Support a more consistent level of Cluster 2 NCP support services across Europe and beyond

When/ Where

Welcome package available at all times on internal website

Next onboarding meeting : **19. March 2025**

On the job training: assisting during a pre-proposal check session for Cluster 2 NCPs

What

- Engaging new Cluster 2 NCPs in pre-proposal check events

Aim

- Training opportunity for less-experienced Cluster 2 NCPs

When

- About 3 months before Cluster 2 Call deadline, next: **26 June 2025**

"Coffee Klatch" exchange between Cluster 2 NCPs

What

- Regular informal online meetings between Cluster 2 NCPs
- Meetings usually start with a pitch presentation around a specific topic followed by a discussion

Aim

- Actively engage with one another and discuss different topics of relevance to the work of Cluster 2 NCPs

When

Next meeting : **19. March 2025**

Network meetings for Cluster 2 NCPs

What

- Yearly meetings of the Net4Society network/ for all nominated Cluster 2 NCPs

Aim

1. Supporting cooperation and interaction between Cluster 2 NCPs
2. Keep NCPs up-to-date on latest developments within Cluster 2
3. Exchange of national good practice

When/ Where

- Next meeting in **Sofia, Bulgaria**: **12.-13. June 2025**

NCP Info Sessions and Joint topic reading Sessions for Cluster 2 NCPs

What

- Support the European Commission with the organisation of the Cluster 2 NCP Info Sessions
- **NCPs collectively go through the new Cluster 2 Work Programme** with their Cluster 2 NCPs colleagues, and discuss eventual uncertainties related to the calls and specific topic formulations, conditions, etc.

Aim

- Clarify eventual points of confusion in the topic texts

When/ Where

- Next **Info Session hybrid/ in Brussels**: 14. May 2025
- Next **Joint topic reading Sessions online: 13. May 2025 tbc**

Trainings on Cluster 2 specific topics

What

- Yearly onsite hands-on trainings specifically designed for Cluster 2 NCPs

Aim

- Keep NCPs informed on techniques and approaches useful for addressing their clients' needs

When/ Where

- Next training in **Sofia, Bulgaria**: **13. June 2025**

HOW-TO sheets

What

- Compilation of useful factsheets on different topics with relevance to the NCP work

Available editions [for download](#)

- HOW TO write your proposal
- HOW TO pitch your project
- HOW TO imagine different roles in your project
- HOW TO find Social Sciences & Humanities relevant calls
- HOW TO find partners
- HOW TO approach the Community Platform
- HOW TO approach CORDIS

Success Stories of Cluster 2 projects

What

- Compilation of interviews with successful Cluster 2 coordinators

Available editions [for download](#)

- **EMBRACE**: EMBRACing changE – Overcoming Blockages and Advancing Democracy in the European Neighbourhood

- **dialoguing@rts** – Advancing Cultural Literacy for Social Inclusion through Dialogical Arts Education

- **CONCILIARE** - CONfidetly ChangIng coLonIAl heritage

- **ARENAS** - Analysis of and Responses to Extremist Narratives

Check-lists for Horizon Europe proposals

What

- Check-lists as tool for NCPs to help them to review the project proposals
- Including conditions / questions published in the WP General Annexes, Application form and Evaluation form

Available on the Horizon Portal

- **Check-list for HE RIA actions** – single-stage submission procedure
- **Check-list for HE CSA actions** – single-stage submission procedure

SSH Ambassador training materials

What

- Training materials to be used in Cluster 2 and non-Cluster 2 NCP trainings

Aim

1. Better prepare NCPs to grasp, and raise awareness, of the issue of SSH integration amongst their research communities
2. Helping pave a "pathway to becoming SSH ambassadors"

Where/ When

SSH Ambassador training materials available soon

Brokerage Events

Events include

- an information session
- pitch presentations of consortia in preparation
- opportunity for bilateral meetings with partners interested in the same topics

Events planned for 2025

- 15.5.2025: Online brokerage event and pitch session for 2025 call – online via our Cluster 2 Community Platform

- **28.5.2025 (tbc): North and Latin America focused Brokerage Event in collaboration with EURAXESS**

- 6.6.2025: Infoday & Brokerage Event for Cluster 2 Destination 3 <u>only</u> in Warsaw, Poland

Cluster 2 Community Platform
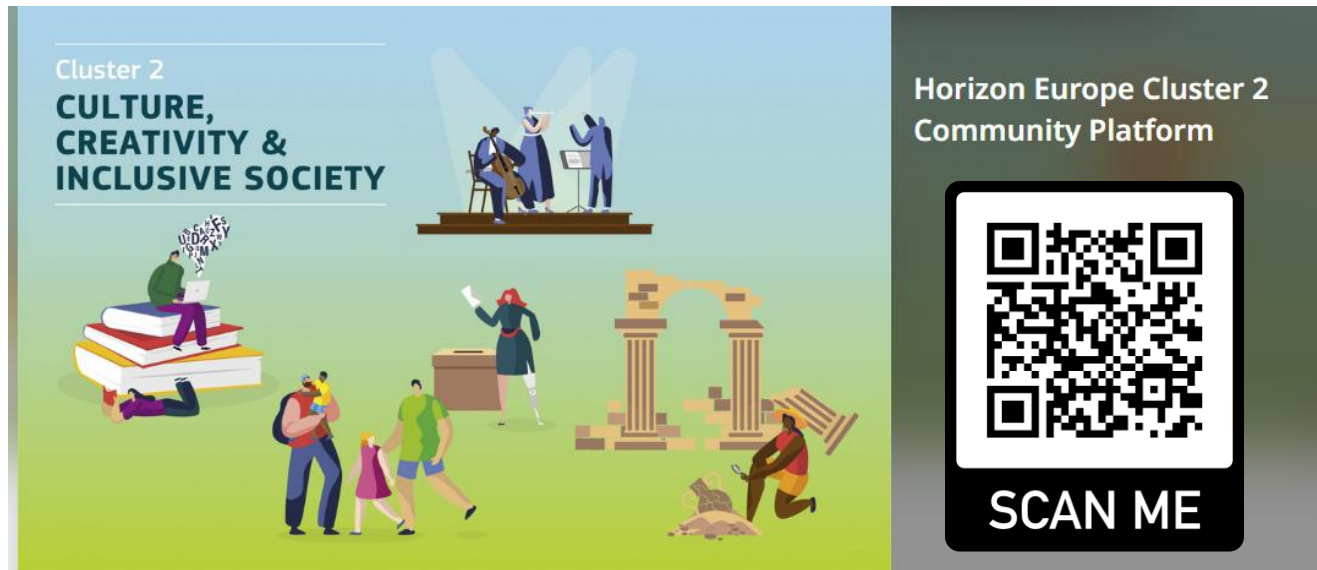
[Horizon Europe Cluster 2 Community Platform](#)

- Almost 3000 registered users
- Over 1800 vitual meetings to date

Pre-Proposal Check Events

What

- Short online meetings between Cluster 2 evaluators and invited project coordinators

Aim

1. Increase the chances for funding and to transfer useful knowledge to applicants
2. Training opportunity for less-experienced Cluster 2 NCPs as part of our mentoring programme

Implemented by

- Experienced Cluster 2 evaluators

Review of

- Application for pre-proposal check event / draft project proposal

When

- About 3 months before deadline – **26 June 2025**

What is SSH Integration in Horizon Europe?

"SSH integration" underlines the importance

- to explore social aspects along with the technological aspects in some research projects

- to involve researchers from Social sciences and Humanities in technology-oriented projects.

SSH Integration for applicants

"Opportunities Document" for SSH researchers

[This document](#) is designed to help potential applicants find SSH-related topics across the different parts of Horizon Europe.

SSH funding opportunities outside Horizon Europe

There are also funding opportunities for SSH by European research funding initiatives and in European partnerships regularly published [on our website](#).

SSH Integration focused Brokerage Event

"Artificial intelligence in Horizon Europe calls: an interdisciplinary challenge" (tbc)

Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV)

A private, non-profit foundation dedicated to education, research, and innovation, with a focus on applied social sciences and humanities.

Mission: to foster Brazil's social and economic development.

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Successful initiatives to highlight in Cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation – EU - Brazil

- The **Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Brazil (2007)** is the main framework for scientific collaboration.

- **Implementation Arrangement (2016)**, signed by the EC and the National Council of State Funding Agencies (CONFAP) to allow Brazilian researchers to join European Research Council (ERC) teams.

- **Administrative Arrangement (2018, 2021)**, signed by the EC Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), the Funding Authority for Studies and Projects (FINEP), and CONFAP to support Brazilian participation in EU Research and Innovation programs.

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Horizon Europe – Brazil in Numbers

- **Brazil is the 7th country** in terms of participation in the program;

- The main participation of Brazil is in the **Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action program, with 67 approved projects**;

- The country also actively participates in the calls of **pillar 2 (global challenges),** with approved projects in various areas, highlighting the **climate, energy and mobility cluster (14), and health (8)**.

- **European Research Council – ERC**

- **Horizon 2020: 9**
- *Starting: 6* •
- *Consolidator: 2*
- *Advanced: 1*

- **Horizon Europe: 12**
- *Starting: 8*
- *Consolidator: 4*
- *Advanced: n/a*

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Approach: Cluster 2 NCP

Always emphasize the importance of applying the concept of SSH integration to address societal challenges more effectively, aiming to achieve more comprehensive and sustainable solutions.
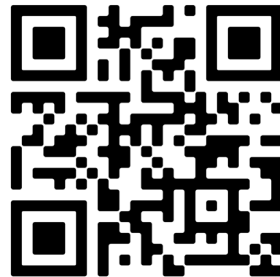
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Cluster 2 NCP in Brazil

- Coordination of the NCPs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Participation in the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points: LAC NCP Network – Horizon Europe

- Brazil´s desk in Brussels

- Networking activities (besides Net4Society):
  - EU delegation in Brazil
  - Federal Funding Agencies (CAPES, CNPQ)
  - State Funding Agencies
  - CONFAP
  - EURAXESS
  - European Embassies in Brazil
  - European Funding Agencies
  - Brazilian Embassies in Europe
  - Brokerage Events
  - Multilateral Agencies

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Q&A

Thank you!

Looking forward to your questions and discussion.

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